

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
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SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OR REMOVAL OF TIME LIMIT PARKING ZONES AND PARKING  
METER ZONES  
POLICY NO.: 200-04  
EFFECTIVE DATE: October 7, 1997

BACKGROUND:

Parking time limit and parking meter zones are established in accordance with Municipal Code Sections 86.04 and 82.04 in areas where on-street parking is in short supply and is being monopolized by long-term parkers. Time limit zones can be effectively employed in all areas of the City, whereas parking meter zones are most appropriate where the adjacent properties are in commercial use. This policy shall not be construed to apply to residential permit parking, which is governed by Section 86.2001 - 86.2016 of the Municipal Code.

PURPOSE:

To formalize criteria used in establishing time limit and/or parking meter installations and removals, and to assure complete and equitable treatment of all requests for such installations and removals.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Council to consider the following criteria when installing or removing time limit or parking meter zones:

- (a) Existing curb parking will be surveyed to compute the occupancy, duration, (the average stay per car, minimum of one hour longer than the proposed time limit), and the average turnover (number of cars using each parking space);
- (b) Traffic volume and patterns;
- (c) Enforcement problems relative to contiguity or isolation from other time limit zones or parking meter zones;
- (d) Area affected - a minimum length of one block face (one side of street) except in locations where the block face is divided by an alley intersection, or by a change in land use. In these cases, either one or both sections of the block face may be considered;

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- (e) Time limits and effective hours should closely parallel those zones now in operation in the general vicinity and should be effective not less than five days a week (holiday excluded);
- (f) Desires of adjacent property owners.

A parking study may be conducted to determine the existing parking usage upon the Council's initiative, the City Manager's initiative, or upon receipt of a petition, signed by the property owners, representing at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the property frontage involved. A FAVORABLY SIGNED PETITION ONLY ASSURES THAT A PARKING STUDY WILL BE CONDUCTED. IT DOES NOT ASSURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PETITIONED ZONE, BUT ONLY THAT THE REQUEST WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL FOR ITS DECISION.

**HISTORY:**

Adopted by Resolution R-169945 03/15/1962  
Amended by Resolution R-212430 01/16/1975  
Amended by Resolution R-257746 01/03/1983  
Amended by Resolution R-289274 10/07/1997